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I am a user of both Microsoft and non-Microsoft products.

I have been appalled by the business practices of Microsoft, as uncovered in the evidence presented in the antitrust trials and manifested by the company since the trials. Microsoft continues to use their monopoly status to bully other companies, whether they are allies or foes, to crush competition, to stifle innovation and to reduce the choices of consumers. Hardware manufacturers are forced to pay royalties to Microsoft whether or not Windows will be sold or used on that machine.

Their new .NET strategy will strengthen their monopoly status by forcing users to pay for mandatory upgrades and funneling much of the internet's advertising and financial services through Microsoft channels.

I realize that the government is averse to breaking up Microsoft (although I agreed with this plan). However, the current antitrust settlement is too simplistic and does not prevent Microsoft from maintaining and extending its monopoly and anticompetitive practices.

I encourage you to enforce strict restrictions and impose heavy punitive sanctions against Microsoft.

Thank you.

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